

# University Community Presbyterian Church

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## Welcome

***In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship.*** If you are a visitor, please record your information on the yellow visitor card. If anyone has a prayer request, please fill out the reverse side of the yellow visitor card with your prayer needs. Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

***Children are a blessed part of our church family*** and are invited to worship with us. We have a staffed nursery during worship service for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. We also have a cry room available in the back of the sanctuary.

***Difficulty hearing?*** The sound operators in the back left corner of the sanctuary can provide you with headphones for our assisted hearing system.

***CDs of our services*** If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

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| Pastor:            | Rev. Neill McKay  |
| Ministers:         | The Entire Congregation   |
| Clerk of Session:  | Melissa Bierer & Lanien Livingston  |
| Elders:            | Brian Dixon<br>Randy Frank<br>Doreen McNeill, Roger Smith<br>Jane Steeves, Norma Wivoda           |
| Deacon President:  | Susan Carothers   |
| Deacons:           | Judy Fowler-Morris<br>Lynne Krizek, Donita Lawhead,<br>Darlene Peterson, Theresa Reed, Paula Long |
| Mission Co-Workers | Rev. Ryan and Alethia White<br>Rev. Jed Koball and his wife Jenney                                |
| Choir Director     | Lucile Hackett  |
| Pianist:           | Kathy Dohner  |
| Organist:          | Kathy Dohner  |
| Sound Manager:     | David Rohwer  |

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### Next Week's Service ~March 25th ~

Leader: Muffie Durst      Prayer Person: Susan Carothers  
Sound Board: Curtis McNeill      Nursery: Sarah Lanstra  
Head Usher:

## JOYS AND CONCERNS from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Lord, in your mercy, we pray for:

Doreen won't be coming to church this semester  
Jay & Randy Healing  
The Bartels  
Prayers for school  
Co-Worker Passing  
Those Seeking work  
Car window broken  
Family of Phyllis Bartels

### Thanks be to God for:

Serving God  
Wisdom  
Travel Mercies  
David Dohner Passed stress test = no surgery  
David- Honored to serve as liturgist

## UCPC EVENTS, WEEKLY CALENDAR, and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Breakfast** Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30AM at Denny's

**Palm Sunday** March 25<sup>th</sup> service in the Sanctuary 10:30AM

**Maundy Thursday** Worship service March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

**Good Friday** March 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM Service @ First Methodist Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> & Cowles

**Easter Sunday Breakfast** 8:30AM – 10:00AM, Easter Service to follow after @ 10:30AM

**Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> after church for the purpose of electing an Elder

**LOVING FAMILIES** Host week is here! The families will arrive tonight! Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help out this coming week! We couldn't do it without you!

**March Elder of the Month**: Roger Smith

**Sunday Breakfast** is served from 9:00 to 9:30 AM. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and food before Sunday School.

**Children and Youth Sunday School** meets at 9:30 AM. Preschool meets in the Nursery.

K-4<sup>th</sup> grade meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall Elementary room.

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall Middle School room.

Confirmed students & 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade meets upstairs in the High School room.

**Pledge Cards** may be placed in the offertory plate. Extra cards are available on the table by the Sanctuary door.

**Sunday Adult Study** will meet upstairs in the Lounge at 9:30 AM for fellowship, teaching and discussion.

**Sunday Worship Service** begins at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.

**Men's Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 AM in the Narthex.

**Bulletin Deadline** is on Wednesdays by 12:00 PM.

**Choir Rehearsal** is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Music Room.

**Prayer Group** meets on Thursdays at 12:00 PM in the Conference Room.

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Foursquare Russian Church meets on Sundays at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
- 12-Step meets on Mondays at 5:30 PM in the Music Room.
- Boy Scout Troop 1 meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the CE Basement.
- AA meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM in the Lounge.
- Girl Scout Troop 75 meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in the Lounge.
- Al Anon meets on Thursdays at 5:30 PM in the High School Classroom.
- Fairbanks Sweet Adelines Barbershop Chorus meets 6.30pm Thursdays.
- Foursquare Russian Church meets on Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Music Room.
- NA meets on Fridays at 8:30 PM in the Lounge.

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3510 College Road • Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

March 18th, 2018



*"We invite all to faith in Jesus Christ and growth in discipleship through Word, Prayer, and Service."*

March 18th, 2018

\* Please stand if you are able

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Announcements

**~PREPARING FOR THE WORD~**

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 37:23-31 OT PG.510

**Leader:** Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when he delights in our way;

**People:** **Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.**

**Leader:** I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

**People:** **They are ever giving liberally and lending, and their children become a blessing.**

**Leader:** Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever. For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones.

**People:** **The righteous shall be kept safe forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever.**

**Leader:** The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice.

**People:** **The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.**

**Leader:** Let us Pray

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *God Is Here !* Hymnal 461

**\*Call to Confession** Isaiah 59: 14-15 OT PG.689

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Prayer of Confession: Father, Son and Holy Spirit we come to you this morning as sinners seeking redemption, for we are a people in whom truth stumbles, and yet we earnestly seek mercy and your holy grace. God in our land sometimes there is no justice, and we benefit while others might be suffering. Lord help us to right the scales of Justice and rely on your Truth to make our land a better place for everyone. Lord hear now my own prayer of Confession:

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Words of Assurance**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**\*The Forgiven and Redeemed Share the Lord's Peace**

(Please share the peace of Christ by welcoming those around you.)

**~HEARING THE WORD~**

Time with Young Disciples

**Anthem** *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian*

Prayer of Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 18: 16-21 OT PG.14

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 23: 23-28 NT PG.26

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *Truth and Justice* Rev. Neill McKay

**Hymn of Response** *Open the Eyes of My Heart* UCPC 15

**Affirmation of Faith** The Second Helvetic Confession 5.108  
Christ took upon himself and bore the sins of the world, and satisfied divine justice. Therefore, solely on account of Christ's sufferings and resurrection God is propitious with respect to our sins and does not impute them to us, but imputes Christ's righteousness to us as our own (II Cor. 5:19 ff.; Rom. 4:25), so that now we are not only cleansed and purged from sins or are holy, but also, granted the righteousness of Christ, and so absolved from sin, death and condemnation, are at last righteous and heirs of eternal life. Properly speaking, therefore, God alone justifies us, and justifies only on account of Christ, not imputing sins to us but imputing his righteousness to us.

Serving Today

Leader: David Rohwer

Sound Board: Sarah Lanstra

Prayer Person: Jim Durst

Nursery: Rhonda McKay

**~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**\*Offering Response** *"Doxology"* Hymnal 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (Unison)**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)** Hymnal p. 16

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**\*Closing Hymn** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* Hymnal 370

**\*Taking the Light into the World**

*We carry the light out of the sanctuary as a sign that we are carrying God's light into the world.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response** Peace Before Us  
(Verse 1)

Peace before us, Peace behind us .  
Peace under our feet, Peace within us  
Peace over us, let all around us be Peace

Postlude

Jim Durst will be in front of the sanctuary to pray with anyone who wishes.